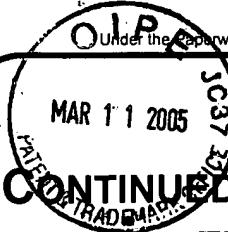


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/211,297 |
| Filing Date | December 14, 1998 |
| First Named Inventor | Boyle |
| Group / Art Unit | 1647 |
| Examiner Name | Regina M. DeBerry |
| Attorney Docket No. | A-451M |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Fee Authorization/Amendment Transmittal for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0519
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00.
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$_____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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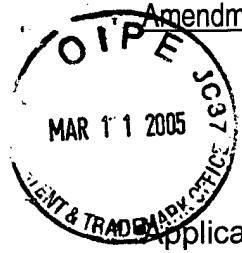
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William J. Boyle
Serial No.: 09/211,297 Group Art Unit No.: 1647
Filed: December 14, 1998 Examiner: Regina M. DeBerry
For: Osteoprotegerin Binding Proteins
Docket No.: A-451M

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

Applicant's response to the Advisory Action dated December 20, 2004 (Paper No. 20041209) is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. The period for reply has been extended five months by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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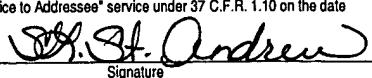
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FEE AUTHORIZATION / AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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In Re Application of: William J. Boyle

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant(s) request(s) the following extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a):

One month of original due date (\$120.00)
 Two months of original due date (\$450.00)
 Three months of original due date (\$1,020.00)
 Four months of original due date (\$1,590.00)
 Five months of original due date (\$2,160.00)

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.
 has been filed.
 The response is the filing of a continuing application, the prior application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

The accompanying papers include amended claims for which no additional fee is required.

The accompanying papers include amended claims the fee for which has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining After amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number Previously paid for | (5) No. of Extra claims present | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
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| Total Claims | 11 | Minus | 42 = | 0 | x \$50 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 1 | Minus | 4 = | 0 | x \$200 | = \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Appearance of a multiple dependent claim | | | | | + \$360 | = \$ 0.00 |
| | | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Additional Fee for this Amendment | | | | | | |

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The following other fees are incurred by the accompanying papers.

Other: _____

Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0519 in the name of Amgen Inc. in the amount of \$2,160.00. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required by the accompanying papers, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0519.

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